# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## **INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

INCIDENT:	On-Duty Hit Shooting, Suspect Injured
IAB FILE #:	SH 2379366
URN #:	015-05947-2824-051
DATE/TIME:	May 13, 2015 / 1741 hours
LOCATION:	North Long Beach Boulevard, Compton
Diez, # Dinah Gro Compton Station regarding (hereafter referre upper left thigh. He was s he was treated for his injuit incident. On July 21, 2015 later reassigned to Serges  IAB Sergeant Diez confirm # took reasonable discuss the incident amon interviewed by the assigned involved personnel gather statement to the assigned  Detective Sergeants Sand supervision of Lieutenant	rnal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team, comprised of Sergeants Justin te, # responded to g an on-duty deputy involved hit shooting.  d to as Subject substant subsequently transported to St. Francis Medical Center where ries. The involved deputies were not injured during the 5, this case was reassigned to Sergeant Jeffrey Hamil, and ant John Gutierrez on September 21, 2017.  The determinant Nabell Mitry, a steps to ensure the involved and witness personnel did not get themselves, or with uninvolved persons prior to being red investigators. In addition, IAB Sergeant Diez confirmed the red in the company of a supervisor until they provided a investigators.  Itra Nava, # and Kenneth Clark, # under the David Coleman, # from the Los Angeles County icide Bureau arrived and assumed control of the shooting
investigation. For further i	information regarding the shooting investigation refer to the ok under URN #015-05947-2824-051 [Exhibit A].

# SYNOPSIS

On May 13, 2015, at approximately 1741 hours, Witness who was working at located at saw a group of fifteen or twenty people congregate at a park across the street, west of Long Beach Boulevard. Witness heard the group of people screaming and they began to scatter and run. At the same time, Witness saw Subject standing on the west sidewalk holding a handgun with two hands extended out in front of him.
Witness saw Subject fire two shots toward the group of people and then run south on the west sidewalk. Witness said Subject said Subject turned and fired two additional shots at the fleeing group of people. Subject said Subject fram south on the sidewalk toward Compton Boulevard, where Compton Station patrol deputies were stopped at the intersection. Refer to photographs to see the layout of area where this incident occurred [Exhibit B].
IAB Note: Four fired .22 long rifle caliber cartridge casings were located in front of the standard possessed by Subject [Exhibit A, pages 119-121].
Compton Station Deputy Jaime Juarez, # (Driver), and his partner, Deputy David Aviles, # (Passenger), were in their marked patrol vehicle working routine patrol as Unit 287D1. They were on Compton Boulevard, facing east, stopped at the intersection in the left turn lane, prepared to proceed north on Long Beach Boulevard. While waiting to turn north on Long Beach Boulevard, they heard gunshots coming from north of their location, on Long Beach Boulevard. The gunshots were in close proximity to them.
Deputy Aviles immediately broadcast radio traffic over Compton Metro L-TAC [Exhibit C, Compton Metro L-TAC]. Deputy Aviles notified Compton Station patrol units he heard gunshots on Long Beach Boulevard north of Compton Boulevard. Deputy Juarez slowly turned through the intersection of Long Beach Boulevard and Compton Boulevard to look for the source of the gunshots. Deputy Juarez saw Subject running south on Long Beach Boulevard, on the west sidewalk. Deputy Juarez said Subject ran in his direction while holding a handgun in his right hand.
Deputy Juarez quickly turned north and stopped his vehicle facing north in the southbound traffic lanes. Deputy Juarez yelled to Deputy Aviles that Subject had a gun. Deputy Aviles turned and also saw Subject running in his direction with a handgun in his hand. Deputy Juarez quickly exited the driver's door and simultaneously saw Subject look in his direction and begin to raise his (many) handgun.
Fearing for his life, and the life of his partner, Deputy Juarez fired four rounds from his duty weapon, striking Subject conce in the upper left thigh.

traffic]. Deputy Aviles advised SCC he needed medical assistance for the suspect and he coordinated the response of additional units to assist with securing the area. Deputy Juarez and Deputy Aviles saw a .22 caliber semiautomatic handgun lying next to Subject The deputies approached Subject and handcuffed him with no additional use of force. Subject shared is handgun was loaded with one round in the chamber and six live rounds in the magazine. Immediately after the deputy involved shooting, several civilians approached and started yelling at Subject "Fuck you crab. That's what you get! Get the fuck out of our neighborhood." IAB Note: The word "crab" is a derogatory term used toward Crip gang members. The area where the deputy involved shooting occurred is controlled by Elm Street Piru, a criminal street gang, whose rivals include the Crips, a criminal street gang. Deputy Juarez and Deputy Aviles saw Subject was shot in the left leg and they applied a tourniquet to stop the bleeding. Subject was transported to St. Francis Medical Center, Lynwood, for treatment for his gunshot wound. Security surveillance cameras were mounted across the street from where the deputy involved shooting occurred, at Boulevard [Exhibit D, CPT, surveil Boulevard [Exhibit D, CPT, surveillance video]. The surveillance video recording shows a blurred, faint, distant image of Subject running south on Long Beach Boulevard on the west sidewalk. This was consistent with witness accounts. IAB Note: A comparison of the surveillance video footage time stamp and the SCC radio transmission revealed an approximate thirty nine minute time difference, which was determined to be a time demarcation error in the privately owned surveillance video. IAB Note: Homicide Investigators indicated the surveillance cameras were located at but they were mounted on which is attached to

Deputy Aviles requested the duplex patch, via his handheld radio. He broadcasted 9-9-8, which indicated he was involved in a shooting [Exhibit C, Dispatch 9 radio

Surveillance cameras were mounted on the light poles above the intersection of Compton Boulevard and Long Beach Boulevard. Homicide Bureau Investigators tried to retrieve footage from the surveillance system, but they were unsuccessful.

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The Justice System Integrity Division (JSID) of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the shooting of Subject by Deputy Juarez. In their letter of opinion, dated October 6, 2017, Deputy District Attorney Shannon Presby concluded Deputy Juarez acted in lawful self-defense [Exhibit E].

## INVOLVED PERSONNEL AND WORK HISTORY

Jaime Juarez, Deputy Sheriff, #

Central Patrol Division Compton Station Date of Employment:

Date Assigned to Patrol/Compton Station:

Date Completed Patrol Training: Prior Shooting Incident(s):

Prior Founded Force Incidents:

June 22, 2005

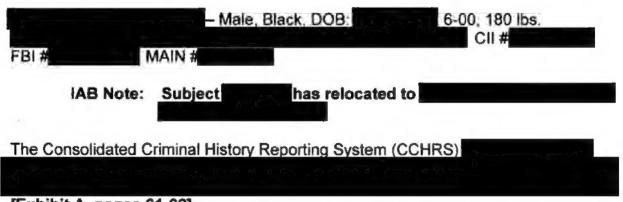
August 31, 2008

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## Equipment Worn on Person

On May 13, 2015, Deputy Juarez was wearing his Class "A" uniform with a protective vest and a Sam Browne duty belt. The equipment worn on his duty belt included his Sig Sauer P226, 9mm firearm, two loaded magazines, handcuffs, oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray, expandable baton, handheld radio, flashlight and keys.

## SUBJECT INFORMATION



[Exhibit A, pages 61-62]

#### SUBJECT INJURIES

Subject sustained one gunshot wound to his upper left thigh. He was treated at St. Francis Medical Center and released to Los Padrinos juvenile hall [Exhibit A, pages 127-132].

IAB Note: Subject told medical staff at St. Francis he smoked marijuana prior to the deputy involved shooting [Exhibit A, page 142].

## **DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES**

No deputies were injured during this incident.

## PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence was located and collected by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau and Scientific Services Bureau personnel. For descriptions of the evidence collected and where it was collected, see the Homicide Bureau casebook [Exhibit A, pages 113-126]. Also see scene photographs of the evidence [Exhibit B].

## **INVESTIGATORS OBSEVATIONS**

The scene was described in detail by He	omicide Bureau Investigators William Cotter,
	and documented with photographs. The
scene description covered the entire inc	ident and shooting location. The descriptions
were consistent with the observations of	f the IAB investigators who responded to the
scene.	
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Forensic Identification Specialists Mira Amin, # and Nancy Clark, # assisted Homicide Bureau investigators with the processing of the crime scene. For details, see the Homicide Bureau casebook [Exhibit A pages 55-60]. Their description of the scene was consistent with the initial IAB investigator's observations. The scene was also photographed and sketched by the Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau. Included as a permanent record within the IAB casebook are compact discs containing scene investigation photographs and photographs of the involved deputy personnel [Exhibit B]. See crime scene sketch and evidence collected [Exhibit F].

## **WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY JUAREZ**

Deputy Juarez fired four rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Sig Sauer P226 semiautomatic pistol, serial number The firearm was examined by Homicide Investigators Nava and Clark. They later released custody of the firearm to Forensic Identification Specialists Mira Amin of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau Crime Lab, who subsequently booked the firearm into evidence for further examination. Deputy Juarez' weapon was found to be functional. See Scientific Services Bureau's Test Fire and Function Check Report [Exhibit G].

Date last qualified:	
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IAB Note: Deputy Personnel are required to qualify every trimester. A copy of the involved deputy's complete training records, including range qualification scores and dates, were included as a permanent record within this IAB casebook [Exhibit H].

## WEAPON USED BY SUBJECT

Subject was armed with a High Standard, Sport-King, .22 long rifle caliber semiautomatic pistol, serial number with the chamber, and a magazine loaded with six rounds. See Scientific Services Bureau Laboratory Examination Report [Exhibit A, pages 120-121].

## PROPERTY DAMAGE

Metal security gates in front of North Long Beach Boulevard, sustained minor damage from three bullet strikes. The property damage is described in **[Exhibit A, pages 59-60]**. Refer to crime scene photographs **[Exhibit I]**.

## LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident took place on a clear sunny day, at approximately 1741 hours.

## RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators reviewed Sheriff's Communications Center's (SCC) radio traffic associated with the incident **[Exhibit C]**. The following is a brief synopsis of those transmissions:

#### COMPTON METRO L-TAC

17:40 Hours – Deputy Aviles broadcast hearing gunshots in the area of Long Beach Boulevard, north of Compton Boulevard.

#### **DISPATCH CHANNEL 9**

17:41:00 Hours – Deputy Aviles requests the duplex patch. He conducts a radio broadcast advising of a deputy-involved shooting.

17:41:14 Hours - Deputy Aviles requests the fire department for a wounded suspect.

17:41:40 Hours - Field sergeant acknowledged SCC's request to respond to scene.

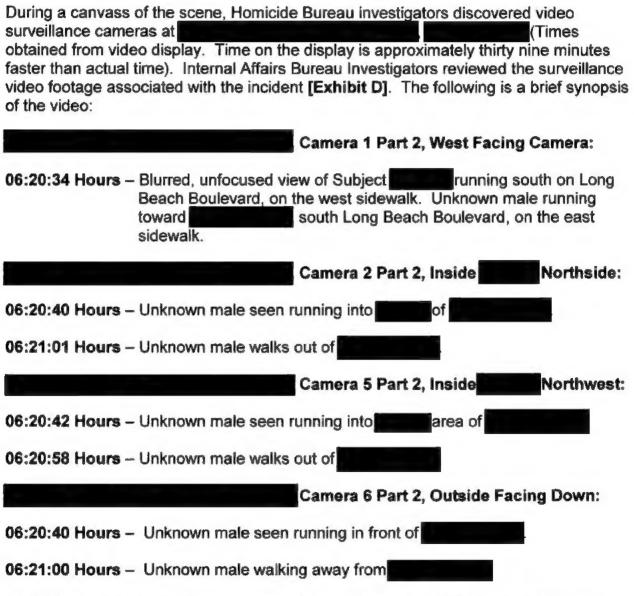
17:42:58 Hours - Deputy Aviles coordinates units to contain the crime scene.

17:49:56 Hours - Units switch to A-Tac 4. SCC drops the duplex patch.

#### A-TAC 4

Frequency A-Tac 4 was used by Compton Station personnel at the command post to coordinate their resources.

## SURVEILLANCE VIDEO



Homicide Bureau investigators discovered surveillance cameras on the light poles, which they described as, "traffic controlled" cameras, at the intersection of Long Beach Boulevard and Compton Boulevard. Homicide investigators attempted to retrieve video footage from the surveillance system, but they were unsuccessful.

## STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a summation of the actual interview(s). Additional information and the precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digital audio recordings and verbatim transcriptions. IAB investigators reviewed all reports authored by the involved Department personnel.

#### WITNESS DEPUTY DAVID AVILES:

#### Homicide Bureau Interview

On May 13, 2015, Deputy David Aviles was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators Nava and Clark. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook [Exhibit A, pages 37-39]. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.

#### Internal Affairs Bureau Interview

On August 10, 2018, at approximately 1302 hours, Deputy Aviles was interviewed at the Internal Affairs Bureau by IAB Sergeants John Gutierrez and Andy Ruiz. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On May 13, 2015, Deputy Aviles worked routine patrol on PM shift, with his partner Deputy Jaime Juarez, as unit 287D1. Deputy Aviles had been in patrol for approximately years. He was assigned to Compton Station on June 13, 2010.

Deputy Aviles said he and Deputy Juarez were going to get something to eat. Deputy Aviles said Deputy Juarez drove east on Compton Boulevard in the left hand turn lane to proceed north on Long Beach Boulevard.

While waiting to proceed through the intersection, Deputy Aviles said he and Deputy Juarez heard several gunshots coming from north of them, on Long Beach Boulevard. Deputy Aviles said he immediately notified other deputies over Compton Metro L-TAC, he heard shots fired on Long Beach Boulevard north of Compton Boulevard.

Deputy Aviles said when they drove into the intersection, Deputy Juarez told him, "He's over here." Deputy Aviles said Deputy Juarez turned the patrol car, and stopped in the southbound lanes of Long Beach Boulevard facing north. Deputy Aviles turned his attention to his left and saw Subject running toward them on the west sidewalk, while holding a handgun in his right hand. Deputy Aviles said he struggled to unlatch his seatbelt so he could exit the patrol car.

Deputy Aviles said he saw Subject start to raise the handgun up in his right hand. He could not remove his seatbelt, and he was in fear he would be shot while sitting in the patrol car.

Deputy Aviles said he yelled at Subject "Stop. Stop. Stop." Or, "Drop the gun." Deputy Aviles said he heard Deputy Juarez fire several rounds from his duty weapon, and he saw Subject fall to the ground.
Deputy Aviles said Deputy Juarez was partially out of the patrol car when he fired his duty weapon at Subject Deputy Aviles then unlatched his seatbelt, exited his patrol vehicle, requested the duplex patch and broadcast he was involved in a shooting.
Deputy Aviles and Deputy Juarez initially detained Subject at gunpoint, then decided to approach him so he would not retrieve the handgun that was lying next to him. They approached Subject and Deputy Aviles held him at gunpoint as Deputy Juarez handcuffed him. Deputy Aviles said they immediately requested medical assistance over the duplex patch as well as additional units for crowd control.
After Subject was handcuffed, Deputy Aviles saw a group of individuals walk toward him. Deputy Aviles said due to recent tension against law enforcement nationally, he thought the group was about to assist Subject or retrieve the handgun that was on the ground. Deputy Aviles said he pointed his duty weapon at the group and ordered them to stay back. Deputy Aviles then realized the group was yelling profanities at Subject The group obeyed his commands and walked away.
Deputy Aviles noticed Subject was bleeding from his thigh. To stop the bleeding, a tourniquet was applied prior to the arrival of paramedics. Deputy Aviles said Deputy Juarez directed assisting units to respond and contain the area.
Deputy Aviles did not fire his duty weapon during the incident.
Deputy Aviles was relieved at the scene and transported to Compton Sheriff's Station.
Deputy Aviles was not injured during the incident.
INVOLVED EMPLOYEE JAIME JUAREZ:
Homicide Bureau Interview
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#### Homicide Bureau Round Count

On May 13, 2015, Homicide Investigators Nava and Clark conducted a round count of Deputy Juarez' firearm, Sig Sauer P226, serial number at Compton Sheriff's Station. The firearm contained a total of fifteen rounds, fourteen in the magazine and one in the chamber.

## Internal Affairs Bureau Interview

On August 10, 2018, at approximately 1420 hours, Deputy Juarez was interviewed at Internal Affairs Bureau by Sergeants John Gutierrez and Andy Ruiz. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On May 13, 2015, Deputy Juarez worked routine patrol on PM shift with his partner, Deputy David Aviles as unit 287D1. Deputy Juarez had been in patrol for approximately years. He was assigned to Compton Station on August 31, 2008.

Deputy Juarez said he and Deputy Aviles were going to get something to eat. Deputy Juarez drove east on Compton Boulevard toward Long Beach Boulevard. He was in the left hand turn lane to proceed north on Long Beach Boulevard when he heard approximately five gunshots coming from a northeast direction. Deputy Juarez said the gunshots sounded close in proximity.

Deputy Juarez said Deputy Aviles immediately put out radio traffic over Compton Metro L-TAC, indicating they heard gunshots. Deputy Juarez expected to see chaos, gunshot victims, or a shooting suspect as he turned north on Long Beach Boulevard. Deputy Juarez continued east on Compton Boulevard, then north on Long Beach Boulevard, when he saw Subject running south on the west sidewalk of Long Beach Boulevard. Deputy Juarez saw Subject was holding a medium sized handgun in his right hand as he ran toward him.

Deputy Juarez said he told Deputy Aviles, "He's over here." Deputy Juarez stopped his vehicle in the southbound lanes of Long Beach Boulevard. Deputy Juarez did not want to pass the threat by going into the northbound lanes of traffic. To have a position of advantage when entering Long Beach Boulevard, he drove into the southbound lanes. Deputy Juarez said he exited his patrol car and noticed Subject was startled at his presence. Deputy Juarez said Subject slowed, or stopped running and began to raise his handgun toward him. Being in fear for his life, his partner's life, and the public's safety, Deputy Juarez fired his duty weapon four times at Subject as he stood behind the open door of his patrol vehicle.

Subject	was struck by the gunfire, dropped his handgun and fell t	o the ground.
Deputy	Juarez said he was approximately 20-25 feet away from Subject	when
he fired	his duty weapon. He had good eyesight alignment and good poin	t of aim at
Subject	Deputy Juarez said he did not see any civilian foot traffi	c, nor did he
see any	through the glass windows of the prior to	o shooting.

Deputy Juarez said Deputy Aviles requested the duplex patch and broadcast he was involved in a shooting. Deputy Aviles coordinated assisting units to their location, and requested medical assistance for Subject

Deputy Juarez said he saw Subject shared's handgun on the ground, but still within arm's reach of him. To prevent another deputy involved shooting, he coordinated with Deputy Aviles to approach Subject

Deputy Aviles held Subject at gunpoint as Deputy Juarez handcuffed him with no additional use of force. Deputy Juarez said when they approached Subject he said, "I dropped it already. I dropped it."
Deputy Juarez said as he was handcuffing Subject an unknown number of people began to run toward them while yelling profanities. Deputy Juarez realized Subject was from a rival criminal street gang of the individuals who were yelling.
Deputy Juarez said he saw Subject s left leg was bleeding. He observed Deputy Aviles rendered aid by placing a tourniquet on Subject s leg. IAB investigators asked Deputy Juarez if any gunshot victims were located from the prior shooting they heard, prior to them rounding the corner. Deputy Juarez said, "No," but he located bullet casings north of the area where the deputy involved shooting occurred.
IAB investigators asked Deputy Juarez if he had time to use a less-lethal use of force option during the encounter. Deputy Juarez said from the time he heard the first gunshots, to the time he fired his duty weapon at Subject thirty seconds had elapsed.
Deputy Juarez said he expected to see gunshot victims when he turned the corner onto Long Beach Boulevard, and he did not expect to see Subject
Deputy Juarez said he was relieved at the scene and transported to Compton Sheriff's Station.
Deputy Juarez was not injured during the incident.
CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENTS
WITNESS
Homicide Bureau Interview
On May 13, 2015, Witness was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigator Cotter. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook [Exhibit A, pages 48-49]. Witness was working at and saw Subject shooting at unknown individuals prior to the deputy involved shooting. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.
1AB Interview
IAB investigators made several attempts to contact Witness Witness Witness did not respond to a certified letter [See Miscellaneous Documents].

WITNESS
Homicide Bureau Interview
On May 13, 2015, Witness was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators Nava and Clark. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook [Exhibit A, pages 35-37]. Witness was standing in front of when he saw an unknown person in the back seat of a
passing vehicle point a firearm out the window toward Subject who was walking south on the west sidewalk of Long Beach Boulevard. Witness entered the and heard gunshots, but he did not see the shooting. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.
IAB Interview
IAB investigators contacted Witness but he recently had surgery, was in bad health, and refused to be interviewed.
WITNESS
Homicide Bureau Interview
On May 13, 2015, Witness was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators Cotter and Laren. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook [Exhibit A, pages 46-47]. Witness was inside when the shooting occurred. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.
WITNESS
Homicide Bureau Interview
On May 13, 2015, Witness was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators Cain and Caouette. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook [Exhibit A, pages 52-53]. Witness was inside when she heard gunshots, but she did not see the shooting. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.
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Witness was inside when he heard gunshots, but he did not see the shooting. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.
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Homicide Bureau Interview
On May 13, 2015, Witness was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators Cotter and Laren. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook [Exhibit A, page 45]. Witness was in front of when the deputy involved shooting occurred. The interview was not transcribed because Witness mumbled incoherent statements.

## **SUBJECT STATEMENTS**

SUBJECT

## Homicide Bureau

Homicide Bureau Investigator Nava said Subject invoked his rights not to speak. No interview was conducted with Subject

## AB

IAB investigators made several attempts to contact Subject Subject did not respond to a certified letter [Miscellaneous Documents].

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On August 26, 2015, a sustained petition was granted against Subject for the charges of Resisting an Executive Officer, Penal Code section 69, and Minor in Possession of Firearm, Penal Code section 29610.